

**Jasper United Church  
Feb. 11th, 2024**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**JUC Mission Statement**

“Our mission is to worship God and deepen our Christian faith.  
We strive to seek justice, to be an inclusive, caring and accepting community,  
and to be stewards of God’s world.”

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God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration.  
We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will  
be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy,  
that there will be more togetherness in God's world.

- Desmond Tutu

**WE GATHER**

***Prelude: Arise, Your Light Is Come***

**VU 79**

***Welcome***

***Territorial Acknowledgement***

***Announcements***

***Celebrations and Remembrances***

***Settling Moment***

***Lighting the Christ Candle***

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led  
them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was  
transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white,  
such as no one on earth could bleach them. (Mark 9: 2 -3)

We light our Christ Candle to be reminded,

**Christ's light shines among us.**

***Call to Worship***

Jesus went to the mountain and was changed.  
Transformed.

**But change is hard for us.**

You call us, O God, to change our lives.

**But change is hard for us.**

You call us, O God, to change our hearts.

**But change is hard for us.**

You call us, O God, to change our thinking.

**But change is hard for us.**

Open our lives, our hearts, our thinking,

**Open us, O God, to your loving changes.**

(p 124 Celebrate God's Presence)

***Opening Hymn: We Are Pilgrims***

**VU 595**

***Opening Prayer***

**God whose goodness shines for all to see,**

**Whose love crosses every barrier we create,**

**Whose presence shines among us, even now,**

**May your light infuse our living,**

**Transforming our hidden shadows**

**Until your love flows freely in us and through us**

**For all eternity. Amen**

***Prayer of Reconciliation***

**We come now, Loving God, ready to be transformed and  
transfigured. We are ready to experience how your love can change  
us: our beings, our lives, and our world. Open each one of us this  
day to the power of your love; may we be infused with its fullness  
and filled with its potential.**

**As we come to fully know you and your love, we also come with a  
sense of guilt, for we have not always loved as you love us. We have  
ignored moments of potential and searched for failure. Sometimes  
we have moved away from love and been drawn in by hate. We  
have forgotten how much you love us and have been swallowed by  
self-loathing. Forgive our foolish ways. Once again, draw us deeper  
into your love and bring us to wholeness and life in your love. Amen.**

***Words of Assurance***

The Good News is for us all. The wonder of God's love is forgiveness  
for all, over and over again. The wonder of God's forgiveness is the  
opportunity for all of us to have a fresh start, ready to share the  
wonderful love and forgiveness of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### ***Prayer for Illumination***

Incarname God grant us hope found in your word and may your living love be born this day within our hearts as your word is illumined within us. Amen

### ***Scripture Reading:***

**2 Kings 2: 1 – 12; 2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9: 2 – 9**

These are the stories of our faith. **Thanks be to God.**

***Reflection: Guest Preacher Ted Lutz – The Lord's Prayer***

***Hymn: The Lord's Prayer***

**VU 960**

## **GOD NURTURES – WE RESPOND**

***Offering Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old***

**VU 81(v3)**

### ***Offering Prayer***

Generous God in your love transform what we offer this morning and multiply its use in the world. Transfigure our spirit of giving to know the joy of giving for the goodness our offerings bring. Inspire us to live and trust in the abundance of your goodness. Amen

### ***Sacrament of Communion***

***Communion Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table***

**VU 457**

## **WE GO FORTH**

***Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation***

**VU 660**

### ***Commissioning & Benediction***

### ***Postlude***

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Ministers: All of us by the grace of God

*Worship Leader: Rev. Linda McLaren*